



# ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF KASAAN

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## Local Boundary Commission Members:

This letter is on behalf of the Organized Village of Kasaan, the local federally recognized Tribe for the community of Kasaan, in regards to the Local Boundary Commissions recommendation to have Prince of Wales Island formed into a borough.

Our Tribal council has met numerous times with the City of Kasaan and local community members. The community has come to the general consensus that currently with the detrimental state of the Island economy as it now stands that we could not currently financially support a borough and all of the extraneous costs that would accompany it. The community also noted that most of the economic data that the LBC had in its report was outdated and incorrect. The logging industry is currently at an all time low as well as the fishing industry, especially with the recent closure of Wards Cove.

A general consensus has also been made that if and when a Borough is formed that the local communities of Prince of Wales lead the project and have a fair and equitable voice on how it is governed.

The community of Kasaan also understands that the State of Alaska is under great pressure of having to meet budget demands for education and that there are four school districts on Prince of Wales Island. It is our feeling that the formation of one unified school district is a necessity and may alleviate the State of Alaska's feeling for a need of a Prince of Wales Island Borough.

We appreciate the careful evaluation of not only our comments but also that of the most current and accurate economic statistics available.

Respectively,

  
Richard J. Peterson, President